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29 February 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT, INTELLIGENCE, DEPARTMENT
OF STATE

SUBJECT: NIE-61: Consequences of the Loss of the Indian Sub-
continent to Communism"

1. In view of Mr. Matthews' letter to you of 21 February, I have reviewed this project with the Board, and we will go ahead as best may be. We still feel that the project is of dubious value.

2. We will proceed on the basis of the question as reworded by Mr. Matthews and on the assumption that the subcontinent could fall even before Southeast Asia or the Middle East. I propose that we deal with the impact as follows:

(a) Economic: Most of this will be covered by the contributions to NIE-56. Most of these contributions are now in the hands of O/RR here. The remaining major contributions should be in within a week, and either O/RR or ourselves will then draft a country-by-country summary of the results. At first glance, the contributions appear to give us a better picture on the point than we had at the time of NIE-23.

(b) Military: This can hardly go beyond what your memorandum described as "a discussion of fairly obvious geographic factors and local military capabilities." The Defense agencies would be responsible for the necessary contributions.

(c) Political: This would fall entirely in your hands anyway, and we will ask that OIR draft this section.

(d) Psychological: Same as above.

3. For the sake of orderly production, we will proceed by the usual method of circulating Terms of Reference and holding a meeting of the IAC representatives. The only departure from our normal procedure will be the request that OIR do the drafting of sections (c) and (d).

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PRIORITY: Routine

Task Team: 25X1A9a (Chairman)

Subject: Consequences of the Loss of the Indian
Sub-Continent to Communism in the
Period 1952-1953

Board Members Associated: 25X1A9a
PROJECT

IAC directs
NEB initiates
Requested by State
CES issues memo

20 Dec 51

TERMS OF REFERENCE

TT submits draft	resubmits	resubmits	
CES comments	comments	issues for NEB	4 Feb
NEB considers 6 Feb	reconsiders 5 Mar	reconsiders 24 Mar	
TT redrafts 28 Feb	redrafts 24 Mar	redrafts	
NEB approves for IAC Repts consideration			24 Mar
Issued for distribution to IAC Repts			25 Mar
IAC Repts consider 28 Mar	reconsider	reconsider	
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IAC Repts approve			28 Mar
Issued, approved, to IAC Repts			28 Mar

ESTIMATE

IAC contributions due	25 Apr		
IAC contributions rec'd (ONI)	25 Apr	(AF G-2)	28 Apr
CIR (6 May)		(State)	29 Jul Suppl.
TT briefs NEB			
TT submits draft	resubmits	resubmits	
CES comments	comments	issues for NEB	9 Jun
NEB considers 10 Jun	reconsiders 13 Jun	reconsiders 16,17,23 Jun	
TT redrafts 12 Jun	redrafts 23 Jun	redrafts 25 Jun	
NEB approves for IAC Repts consideration			26 Jun
Issued for distribution to IAC Repts			30 Jun
IAC Repts consider 14 Jul	reconsider 12 Sep	reconsider 16 Sep	
O/NE (rev. dft) 20 Aug	(Board mtg.) 4 Sep	(redft for IAC Repts) 5 Sep	
IAC Repts approve			16 Sep
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